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AN ACT

To repeal sections 302.060 and 302.171, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to drivers' licenses, with penalty provisions and an effective date.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 302.060 and 302.171, RSMo, are repealed and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 302.060, 302.063, and 302.171, to read as follows:

302.060. The director shall not issue any license and shall immediately deny any driving privilege:

- (1) To any person who is under the age of eighteen years, if such person operates a motor vehicle in the transportation of persons or property as classified in section 302.015;
- 5 (2) To any person who is under the age of sixteen years, **or to any person who is under** 6 **eighteen years of age who fails to meet the qualifications of section 302.063,** except as 7 [hereinafter] provided **by this section**;
- 8 (3) To any person whose license has been suspended, during such suspension, or to any 9 person whose license has been revoked, until the expiration of one year after such license was 10 revoked;
 - (4) To any person who is an habitual drunkard or is addicted to the use of narcotic drugs;
- 12 (5) To any person who has previously been adjudged to be incapacitated and who at the 13 time of application has not been restored to partial capacity;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

14 (6) To any person who, when required by this law to take an examination, has failed to pass such examination;

- (7) To any person who has an unsatisfied judgment against such person, as defined in chapter 303, RSMo, until such judgment has been satisfied or the financial responsibility of such person, as defined in section 303.120, RSMo, has been established;
- (8) To any person whose application shows that the person has been convicted within one year prior to such application of violating the laws of this state relating to failure to stop after an accident and to disclose the person's identity or driving a motor vehicle without the owner's consent;
- (9) To any person who has been convicted more than twice of violating state law, or a county or municipal ordinance where the judge in such cases was an attorney and the defendant was represented by or waived the right to an attorney in writing, relating to driving while intoxicated; except that, after the expiration of ten years from the date of conviction of the last offense of violating such law or ordinance relating to driving while intoxicated, a person who was so convicted may petition the circuit court of the county in which such last conviction was rendered and the court shall review the person's habits and conduct since such conviction. If the court finds that the petitioner has not been convicted of any offense related to alcohol, controlled substances or drugs during the preceding ten years and that the petitioner's habits and conduct show such petitioner to no longer pose a threat to the public safety of this state, the court may order the director to issue a license to the petitioner if the petitioner is otherwise qualified pursuant to the provisions of sections 302.010 to 302.540. No person may obtain a license pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision through court action more than one time;
- (10) To any person who has been convicted twice within a five-year period of violating state law, or a county or municipal ordinance where the judge in such cases was an attorney and the defendant was represented by or waived the right to an attorney in writing, of driving while intoxicated, or who has been convicted of the crime of involuntary manslaughter while operating a motor vehicle in an intoxicated condition. The director shall not issue a license to such person for five years from the date such person was convicted for involuntary manslaughter while operating a motor vehicle in an intoxicated condition or for driving while intoxicated for the second time. Any person who has been denied a license for two convictions of driving while intoxicated prior to July 27, 1989, shall have the person's license issued, upon application, unless the two convictions occurred within a five-year period, in which case, no license shall be issued to the person for five years from the date of the second conviction;
- (11) To any person who is otherwise disqualified pursuant to the provisions of sections 302.010 to 302.780, chapter 303, RSMo, or section 544.046, RSMo;

(12) To any person who is under the age of eighteen years, if such person's parents or legal guardians file a certified document with the department of revenue stating that the director shall not issue such person a driver's license. Each document filed by the person's parents or legal guardians shall be made upon a form furnished by the director and shall include identifying information of the person for whom the parents or legal guardians are denying the driver's license. The document shall also contain identifying information of the person's parents or legal guardians. The document shall be certified by the parents or legal guardians to be true and correct. This provision shall not apply to any person who is legally emancipated. The parents or legal guardians may later file an additional document with the department of revenue which reinstates the person's ability to receive a driver's license.

- 302.063. 1. In addition to the requirements of section 302.171, the director of revenue shall require any applicant for an operator's license or a temporary permit issued pursuant to section 302.130 who is fifteen to eighteen years of age, and who attends public school in this state or any other state, to present a certificate issued to such person from an accredited public school in this state, or any other state, documenting that the applicant has achieved acceptable scores in the subject areas of communications arts and mathematics on the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) test, or on an equivalent assessment test in another state, in the academic year preceding such student's application for an operator's license or temporary permit.
- 2. If an applicant's MAP scores in the academic year preceding his or her application for a driver's license or temporary permit are not acceptable, the applicant's driver's license test shall be postponed until the applicant achieves scores considered acceptable by the department of elementary and secondary education.
- 3. Continuation of licensure is contingent upon maintaining acceptable MAP scores in both communication arts and math until high school graduation. Students shall submit documentation to the director of revenue at the close of each academic year to show continuing acceptable performance on the MAP test. If a student has an acceptable score in one subject, but not in both subjects, his or her driver's license shall be continued for one year, but may be revoked if the results of the next academic year's MAP tests do not show improvement.
- 4. Students who transfer into a public school after the effective date of this section who have test scores from their previous school that are comparable to the MAP test, and who have not yet passed the first stage driver's license exam, shall be subject to the requirements set out in this section. Students who transfer into a public school at the age of fourteen or older who do not have comparable test scores from their previous schools, and students presently holding a driver's license who transfer into a public school after the

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effective date of this section who do not have test scores from their previous school that are comparable, shall be subject to the requirements of this section, with the results of the first MAP assessment administered to the student after the student transfers into the public school being used to determine if the student will hold a license.

- 5. Acceptable MAP scores mean "proficient" or higher. Improvement will be defined by rule to be determined by the department of elementary and secondary education, with assistance from representative groups of teachers and other stakeholders. Comparable scores will be defined by rule to be developed by the department of elementary and secondary education.
- 6. Any person who is an emancipated minor, as defined in section 302.171, who does not meet the qualifications prescribed in this section may request the school board of the school district in which such person resides to grant a waiver from the requirements of this section and such waiver shall be granted if the school board determines that having a license to operate a motor vehicle is in the best interests of that person. In addition, any person who withdraws from school and earns a GED may request waiver from the requirements of this section.
- 7. Any person who knowingly submits false information to the department pursuant to the provisions of this section is guilty of a class C misdemeanor.
- 8. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and, if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo. This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly under chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2005, shall be invalid and void.
- 302.171. 1. Beginning July 1, 2005, the director shall verify that an applicant for a driver's license is lawfully present in the United States before accepting the application. The director shall not issue a driver's license for a period that exceeds an applicant's lawful presence in the United States. The director may establish procedures to verify the lawful presence of the applicant and establish the duration of any driver's license issued under this section. An application for a license shall be made upon an approved form furnished by the director. Every application shall state the full name, Social Security number, age, height, weight, color of eyes, sex, residence, mailing address of the applicant, and the classification for which the applicant has been licensed, and, if so, when and by what state, and whether or not such license has ever been suspended, revoked, or disqualified, and, if revoked, suspended or disqualified, the date and

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reason for such suspension, revocation or disqualification and whether the applicant is making a one dollar donation to promote an organ donation program as prescribed in subsection 2 of this section. A driver's license, nondriver's license, or instruction permit issued under this chapter 14 shall contain the applicant's legal name as it appears on a birth certificate or as legally changed through marriage or court order. No name change by common usage based on common law shall 16 be permitted. The application shall also contain such information as the director may require to enable the director to determine the applicant's qualification for driving a motor vehicle; and shall state whether or not the applicant has been convicted in this or any other state for violating the laws of this or any other state or any ordinance of any municipality, relating to driving without a license, careless driving, or driving while intoxicated, or failing to stop after an accident and disclosing the applicant's identity, or driving a motor vehicle without the owner's consent. The application shall contain a certification by the applicant as to the truth of the facts stated therein. Every person who applies for a license to operate a motor vehicle who is less than 24 twenty-one years of age shall be provided with educational materials relating to the hazards of driving while intoxicated, including information on penalties imposed by law for violation of the intoxication-related offenses of the state. Beginning January 1, 2001, if the applicant is less than eighteen years of age, the applicant must comply with all requirements for the issuance of an intermediate driver's license pursuant to section 302.178. An applicant who is less than eighteen years of age and is not an emancipated minor shall meet the requirements of section 302.062 in order to receive a license issued pursuant to this chapter. As used in this section, the term "emancipated minor" is a person who is at least sixteen years of age, but less than eighteen years of age, who marries, enters active duty in the armed forces, or who the custodial parent or legal guardian has relinquished from parental control by express or implied consent, and who through employment or other means provides for such person's own food, shelter, and other cost-of-living expenses.

2. An applicant for a license may make a donation of one dollar to promote an organ donor program. The director of revenue shall collect the donations and deposit all such donations in the state treasury to the credit of the organ donor program fund established in sections 194.297 to 194.304, RSMo. Moneys in the organ donor program fund shall be used solely for the purposes established in sections 194.297 to 194.304, RSMo, except that the department of revenue shall retain no more than one percent for its administrative costs. The donation prescribed in this subsection is voluntary and may be refused by the applicant for the license at the time of issuance or renewal of the license. The director shall make available an informational booklet or other informational sources on the importance of organ donations to applicants for licensure as designed by the organ donation advisory committee established in sections 194.297 to 194.304, RSMo. The director shall inquire of each applicant at the time the

licensee presents the completed application to the director whether the applicant is interested in making the one dollar donation prescribed in this subsection and whether the applicant is interested in inclusion in the organ donor registry and shall also specifically inform the licensee of the ability to consent to organ donation by completing the form on the reverse of the license that the applicant will receive in the manner prescribed by subsection 6 of section 194.240, RSMo. The director shall notify the department of health and senior services of information obtained from applicants who indicate to the director that they are interested in registry participation, and the department of health and senior services shall enter the complete name, address, date of birth, race, gender and a unique personal identifier in the registry established in subsection 1 of section 194.304, RSMo.

- 3. An applicant for a license may make a donation of one dollar to promote a blindness education, screening and treatment program. The director of revenue shall collect the donations and deposit all such donations in the state treasury to the credit of the blindness education, screening and treatment program fund established in section 192.935, RSMo. Moneys in the blindness education, screening and treatment program fund shall be used solely for the purposes established in section 192.935, RSMo, except that the department of revenue shall retain no more than one percent for its administrative costs. The donation prescribed in this subsection is voluntary and may be refused by the applicant for the license at the time of issuance or renewal of the license. The director shall inquire of each applicant at the time the licensee presents the completed application to the director whether the applicant is interested in making the one dollar donation prescribed in this subsection.
- 4. Beginning July 1, 2005, the director shall deny the driving privilege of any person who commits fraud or deception during the examination process or who makes application for an instruction permit, driver's license, or nondriver's license which contains or is substantiated with false or fraudulent information or documentation, or who knowingly conceals a material fact or otherwise commits a fraud in any such application. The period of denial shall be one year from the effective date of the denial notice sent by the director. The denial shall become effective ten days after the date the denial notice is mailed to the person. The notice shall be mailed to the person at the last known address shown on the person's driving record. The notice shall be deemed received three days after mailing unless returned by the postal authorities. No such individual shall reapply for a driver's examination, instruction permit, driver's license, or nondriver's license until the period of denial is completed. No individual who is denied the driving privilege under this section shall be eligible for a limited driving privilege issued under section 302.309.
 - 5. All appeals of denials under this section shall be made as required by section 302.311.

6. The period of limitation for criminal prosecution under this section shall be extended under subdivision (1) of subsection 3 of section 556.036, RSMo.

- 7. The director may promulgate rules and regulations necessary to administer and enforce this section. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo.
- Section B. The repeal and reenactment of sections 302.060 and 302.171, and the enactment of section 302.063, of section A of this act shall become effective January 1, 2008.